



2024 Hike Schedule

All mileage is one way. January-April hikes are out and back, as far as you want to go. May-December hikes are through hikes with cars spotted at the end of the hike. Meet at hike start location for in and out hike, which will begin 10-20 minutes later than stated time due to moving cars.

Member meetings and work days will be announced by emails to members and/or posted on the North Country Trails Event Page.

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2024 Hiking Challenges

Harbor Springs Chapter

Hike all 46 miles of the Chapter's trail and receive a recognition pin or patch.



North Country Trail 100 mile

Hike 100 miles on the North Country Trail and receive a commemorative patch. Hike 100 different miles or the same mile 100 times. Hike, walk, backpack, snowshoe, or cross-country ski. Register at <https://northcountrytrail.org/hike-100-challenge/>.



Saturday, January 6 - 10:00 a.m.

Hike Section 3 north towards Larks Lake Road - 2 miles

Meet at Pleasantview Town Hall

2982 Pleasantview Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

There is a parking lot at the Hall.

The trail is situated on wetlands with pine and aspen forests, and includes many puncheon walkways. There are beds of trillium in the spring at South Larks Lake Road.

(GPS 45.53432, -84.91137)

Thursday, January 25 - 8:30 p.m.

Full Moon - Hike Section 1 - 1.2 miles north to Brutus Road

Meet at Valley Road Parking Lot, free

Warm clothing and snowshoes recommended

1000 Valley Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

(GPS 45.4784489, -84.8933905)

Saturday, February 3 - 10:00 a.m.

Hike Section 2 south towards Brutus Road - 2 miles

Meet at Stutsmanville Trailhead

400 E. Stutsmanville Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Widened road parking

This trail of hills, valleys, and hardwood forests crosses an active stream.

(GPS 45.507822, -84.907076)

Saturday, March 2 - 10:00 a.m.

Hike Section 5 north towards Van Road - 2 miles

Meet at West Robinson Road Trailhead

Robinson Road east of Gregory Road

Side road parking difficult; Go to Gregory Road for parking

The trail goes through hardwood forests and Red Pine plantings.

(GPS 45.565059, -84.983102)

Saturday, April 6 - 10:00 a.m.

Hike Section 11 south towards French Farm Lake - 2.7 miles

Meet at North Central State Trailhead on Mackinaw Crossings Dr.

Near 200 S. Nicolet St., Mackinaw City, MI 49701

Free Parking lot

The trail includes views of French Farm Lake, contains many puncheon walkways and goes through hardwoods and pine forests. Part of the trail follows the Northwestern State Trail and is paved between Trails End Road and Mackinaw City. It also crosses a gas and oil pipeline.

(GPS 45.780311, -84.730280)

Sunday, May 4 - 9:00 a.m.

Hike Section 7 north towards Lakeview Road - 2.8 miles

Meet at Sturgeon Bay Trail Trailhead

1875 West Sturgeon Bay Trail, Levering, MI 49755

Widened road parking

This is a very vigorous hike. The trail goes through Lake Michigan sand dunes covered with oak and maple trees along with pines. It has a few steep hills. It is within Wilderness State Park, so Park rules apply. The Park marks trail intersections.

(GPS 45.679888, -84.967291)

Please Note - There are two Sturgeon Bay Trails. One is a county road which goes between Pleasantview Road and Lakeshore Road. The other is a two-track trail within Wilderness State Park.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8 - 9:00 A.M.**Hike Details**

Lady Slippers Hike - Hike section 10 north towards French Farm Lake - 5.2 miles

Meeting Locations

Meet at Section 10 Trailhead for out and back hike

12168 Cecil Bay Road, Carp Lake, MI 49718

Side road parking - (GPS 45.727502, -84.829378)

Starting time 10-20 minutes later than 9:00 a.m. due to moving cars

Meet at Section 11 Trailhead for through hike, carpool, and spot cars to Cecil Bay Rd

French Farm Lake Road, 1/2 mile south of Trails End Road

Limited wide road parking - (GPS 45.763242, -84.767346)

Trail Description

The trail includes balsam, cedar and pine forests. It crosses Carp River and French Farm Lake dam. It includes many puncheon walkways over streams and wet areas. Two miles of the trail border French Farm Lake with many scenic views and waterfowl viewing in summer. Many lady slipper flowers and other flowers are likely to be in bloom during the time of this hike.

SATURDAY, JULY 6 - 9:00 A.M.

Hike Details

Hike section 4 north towards Robinson Road - 4.2 miles

Meeting Locations

Meet at Section 4 Trailhead for out and back hike

5498 South Larks Lake Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Widened road parking - (GPS 45.528280, -84.945003)

Starting time 10-20 minutes later than 9:00 a.m. due to moving cars

Meet at Section 5 Trailhead for through hike, carpool, and spot cars to Lark's Lake Rd

On Robinson Road east of Gregory Road

Off road parking lot - (GPS 45.564984, -84.982413)

Trail Description

The trail has rolling hills and goes through Beech-Maple forests and Red Pine plantings.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3 - 9:00 A.M.

Hike Details

Hike section 9 north towards Cecil Bay Road - 5.2 miles

Meeting Locations

Meet at Goose Pond Parking Lot for out and back hike

14200 Swamp Line Road, Carp Lake, MI 49718

This Parking Lot requires a Recreation Passport

(GPS 45.742799, -84.899093)

Meet at Section 10 Trailhead for through hike, carpool, and spot cars to Goose Pond

12168 Cecil Bay Road, Carp Lake, MI 49718 for

Limited parking on the side of Cecil Bay Road - (GPS 45.727502, -84.829378)

Starting time 15-25 minutes later than 9:00 a.m. due to moving cars

Trail Description

The trail first follows many Wilderness Park trails with boardwalks and pine forested hills then goes through level pine forests.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - 9:00 A.M.

Hike Details

Hike section 8 north towards Goose Pond - 6.5 miles

Meeting Locations

Meet at Section 8 Trailhead for out and back hike

10498 N. Lake Shore Drive, Carp Lake, MI 49718

Parking Lot with Recreation Passport required - (GPS 45.703508, -84.952033)

Meet at Goose Pond Parking Lot for through hike, carpool, and spot cars to Trailhead 8

14200 Swamp Line Road, Carp Lake, MI 49718

This Parking Lot requires a Recreation Passport

Starting time 20-30 minutes later than 9:00 a.m. due to moving cars

(GPS 45.742799, -84.899093)

Trail Description

About half of this trail goes through pine and hardwood forests, a swamp, through Lake Michigan forested sand dunes and along many ponds. The other half of this trail follows Wilderness Park Trails, Sturgeon Bay Trail, and Swampline. Wilderness Park marks trail intersections. All of this section is within Wilderness State Park, and Park rules apply.

Note: There are two Sturgeon Bay Trails. One is a county road which goes between Pleasantview Road and North Lakeshore Drive. The other is a trail within Wilderness State Park.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 - 10:00 A.M.

Hike Details

Hike section 6 north towards Sturgeon Bay Trail - 5.7 miles

Meeting Locations

Meet at Trailhead 6 for out and back hike

2000 West Levering Road, Levering, MI 49755

Corner of Zmikly Road and Levering Road

Parking along Zmikly Road - (GPS 45.636646, -84.975558)

Starting time 15-25 minutes later than 10:00 a.m. due to moving cars

Meet at Section 7 Trailhead for through hike, carpool, and spot cars to Levering Rd

1875 West Sturgeon Bay Trail, Levering, MI 49755

Widened road parking - (GPS 45.679888, -84.967291)

Trail Description

The trail goes through hardwoods, crosses Wycamp Dam, enters Wilderness State Park, goes along the edge of Wycamp Lake, and then through pine and hardwoods forest.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - 10:00 A.M.

Hike Details

Hike section 5A south towards Beckon Road - 1.5 miles

Meeting Locations

Meet at Division and Dzedzie Road intersection for out and back hike

2922 Division Road, Pellston, MI 49769

Side road parking on Dzedzie Road - (GPS 45.622534, -84.975412)

Starting time 10-15 minutes later than 10:00 a.m. due to moving cars

Meet at 3940 Beckon Road, Pellston, MI 49769 for through hike, carpool, and spot cars

Side road parking - (GPS 45.615290, -84.994499)

Trail Description

This section crosses the property of the BlissFest Music Organization, following some of their trails. The trail is not marked with blue blazes on trees. It is marked with blazed carsonite posts with North Country Trail and BlissFest stickers.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 - 10:00 A.M.

Hike Details

Hike Section 1 south towards Valley Road - 3.6 miles

Meeting Locations

Meet at Kipp Road Trailhead for out and back hike

7600 Kipp Road, Conway, MI 49722

Side road parking - (GPS 45.442860, -84.874047)

Starting time 10-15 minutes later than 10:00 a.m. due to moving cars

Meet at Valley Road Parking Lot for through hike, carpool, and spot cars to Kipp Rd

1000 Valley Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Good Parking Lot - (GPS 45.4784489, -84.8933905)

Trail Description

The trail traverses high hills and deep valleys through hardwoods, cutover areas, and pine plantings.